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¶1. (SBU) On January 14, Pol/C drew on Ref B points and delivered Ref C points during a meeting with Vuong Hai Nam, Deputy Director General of the MFA's Asia II (Southeast Asia) Department, and Ha Thi Ngoc Ha, Deputy Director General of the ASEAN Department. Both noted that neither Vietnam nor ASEAN has developed a position on the Burma resolution. "Surely it will be a major topic of discussion this weekend," Ha volunteered.

¶2. (SBU) Although the GVN will need time to study the revised resolution, Nam continued, in principle Vietnam opposes any effort to interfere in Burma's internal affairs. "Burma needs the time and political space to deal with its challenges," Ha added. The two MFA officials pledged to relay our points to the GVN's delegation in Cebu.

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